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1. LETTER CITED REFTEL TO SDP PAPER UUSI AIKA QUESTIONING GOF AID TO CUBA

IN LIGHT CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN ANGOLA HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY NUMBER OF SIMILAR LETTERS TO EDITORS OTHER PAPERS.

2. MFA DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION DEPT. RESPONDED IN LETTER TO EDITOR OF HELSINGIN SANOMAT (PUBLISHED FEB.10) THAT FINNISH AID TO CUBA BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED AT UN, THAT GOF 8 MILLION MARK CREDIT GRANTED CUBA IN 1973 WENT PRIMARILY FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, AND THAT NO KIND OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT CAN BE BOUGHT FROM LATEST FINNISH DEVELOPMENT CREDIT WHICH 80

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PERCENT TIED TO PURCHASES IN FINLAND.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS ATTEMPT WAS MADE HAVE INTERPELLATION ABOUT FINNISH AID TO CUBA PRESENTED BY LARGE NUMBER CONSERVATIVE PARTY PARLIAAMENTARIANS, BUT IN THE END ONLY THREE RIGHTWINGERS HEADED BY TUURE JUNNILA PUT THEIR NAMES TO INTERPELLATION ON FEB6. OTHERS HESITATED, IN PART, BECAUSE CUBAN CREDIT WAS APPROVED LATE LAST MONTH WITHOUT CHALLENGE IN 1976. BUDGET.

4. MEANWHILE, FINNISH "PEACE DEFENDERS" CLAIM TO HAVE DELIVERED TO MPLA- ANGOLA MONEY AND MATERIALS TOTALLING 15 THOUSAND MARKS AND PLAN COLLECT FUNDS TO SEND FOOD, MEDICINES, EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT TO ANGOLA AS "HUMANITARIAN AID."
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